# THE LADY OF

(Continued.) CHAPTER VIII.

Mr. Dove Visits Ishmael. When Rachel and Noie reached the Louse, which they did not do for some time, as they waited to make sure that Ishmael had really gone, it was to see the man himself riding away from its gate.

"Be prepared," said Noie: "I think that he has been here before us to bour poison into your father's ears." it proved to be, indeed, for on the stoop or veranda, they found Mr. Dove sortment of Mortgage Loans secured walking up and down, evidently much

disturbed in mind. "What is all this trouble, Rachel," he asked. "What have you done to Mr. Smith"—for Mr. Dove, in pursuance of the suggestion made by the man, had adopted that name for him man, had adopted that name for him which he considered less peculiar than Ishmael. "He has been here much upset, declaring that you have used him cruelly, and that Nonha, threatened him with terrible things in the future, of which, of course, she can know

"Well, father, if you wish to hear," answered Rachel, "Mr. Ishmael, or Mr. Smith, as you call him, has been asking me to marry him, and when I re-fused, as of course I did, behaved very

"Indeed, Rachel. I gathered from him that something of the sort had happened, only his story is that it was you who behaved unpleasantly, speaking to him as thought he were dirt. Now Rachel, of course, I do not want you to marry this person, in fact, 1 should distike it, although I have seen a great change for the better in him lately-I mean spiritually of courseand an earnest repentance for the errors of his past life All I mean is that the proffered affection of an hon-est man should not be met with scorn

and sharp words." Up to this point Rachel endured the lecture in silence, but now she could bear no more. "Honest man!" she exclaimed.

"Father, are you deaf and blind, or only so good that you cannot see evil in others? Do you know that it was this 'honest man' who brought about PROBATE COURT. the murder of all Noie's people in order that he might curry favor with the "Mr. Dove started, and turing, ask-

"Is that so, Nonha?" "although I have never spoken of it to creditors of said estate to exhibit their you. Afterwards I will tell you the

story, if you wish.' "And do you know," went on Ra-chel, "why he will never let you visit his kraal among the hills yonder? Well, debted to said estate are requested to will tell you. It is because this 'honest man,' who wishes me to marry him, keeps his Kaffir wives and chil- B 25 s \* dren there?"

"Rachel!" replied her father, in much distress. "I will never believe it; you are only repeating native scandal. Why, he has often spoken to me with horror of such things."

"I daresay he has, father. Well, now, I ask you to judge for yourself. Take a guide and start two hours before daybreak to-morrow morning to visit that kraal, and see if what I say is not true.

"I will, indeed," exclaimed Mr. Dove who was now thoroughly aroused, for it was conduct of this sort that had caused his bitter quarrel with the first settlers in Natal. "I cannot believe the story, Rachel, I really cannot; but I promise you that if I should find cause to do so, the man shall never put foot in my house again." Then I think that I am rid of him,

said Rachel, with a sigh of relief, "only be careful, dear, that he does not do you a mischief, for such men do not like to be found out." Then she left the stoop, and went to tell her mother all that had happened. When she had heard the story, Mrs.

Dove, who detested Ishmael as much as her daughter did, tried to persuade her husband not to visit his kraal, saying that it would only breed a feud, and that under the circumstances, it would be easy to forbid him the house upon other grounds. But Mr. Dove, obstinate as usual, refused to listen to her, saying that he would not judge the man without evidence, and that of the natives could not be relied on. Also, if the tale were true, it was his duty, as his spiritual adviser, to remonstrate with him.

So his poor wife gave up arguing, as she always did, and long before dawn on the following morning. Mr. Dove, accompanied by two guides, departed upon his errand.

After he had ridden some twelve miles across the plain which lay behind Ramah, just at daybreak, he reached a pass or nek between two swelling hills, beyond which the guides said lay the kraal that was called Mafooti. Presently he saw it, a place situated in a cup-like valley, chosen evidently because the approaches to it were easy to defend. On a knoll in the center of this rich valley stood the kreal, a small native town surrounded by walls and stone enclosures full of cattle. As they approached the kraal, from its main entrance issued four or five-good-looking native women, one of them accompanied by a boy, and all carrying, hoes in their hands, for they were going out at sunrise to work in the mealie fields. When they saw Mr. Dove they stood still, staring at him. till he called to them not to be afraid, and riding up, asked them who they "We are of the number of the wives

of Ibubesi the Lion." answered their spokeswoman, who held the little boy "Do you mean the Umlungu (that is the white man.) Ishmael?" he asked

"Whom else should we mean?" she answered. "I am his head wife, now that he has put away old Mami, and this is his son. If the light were stronger you would see that he is al-most white," she added with pride. Mr. Dove knew not what to answer; this intelligence overwhelmed him, and he sat silent on his horse. The wives of Ishmael prepared to pass on to the mealie fields, then stopped, and began to whisper together. At length the mother of the boy turned and addressd him, while the others crowded be-

hind her to listen.
We desire to ask you a question, Teacher," she said, somewhat shyly, or evidently they knew well enough who he was. "Is it true that we are to have a new sister?" "A new sister! What do you mean?" asked Mr. Dove

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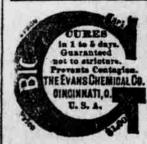
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